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## WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Congress has reconvened from its summer recess, facing a long list of unfinished legislative business. It has not yet enacted any of the appropriations bills for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007, which begins on October 1, 2006. In fact, the Senate has passed only one (Homeland Security) of its 12 FFY 2007 appropriations bills. Other pending legislation of County interest includes major telecommunications, immigration, and off-shore oil drilling bills as well as legislation to reauthorize the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, Water Resources Development Act, and Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Congress, nevertheless, plans to recess at the end of September to enable members to campaign for the November elections before reconvening during the week of November 13, 2006 for a lame duck session. It appears all but certain that a continuing resolution will be required to temporarily fund most programs through the November elections. The Homeland Security, Defense, and Military Construction/Veterans Affairs appropriations bills are the only FFY 2007 appropriations bills which may be enacted before the elections. It also appears increasingly likely that a number of FFY 2007 appropriations bills will be combined into a single omnibus appropriations bill, similar to 2004 when nine appropriations bills were combined into one omnibus measure.

Below is a summary of FFY 2007 appropriations legislation of County interest:

### Departments of Justice and Commerce Appropriations

The House passed its FFY 2007 Science/State/Justice/Commerce (SSJC) appropriations bill (H.R. 5672) in June while the Senate Appropriations Committee reported its Commerce/Justice/Science appropriations bill (H.R. 5672) in July. Of importance to the County, both versions rejected the President's proposals to

eliminate the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Drug Courts, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), and COPS Technologies and Interoperable Communications Grants. The House bill would increase funding for SCAAP from \$400 million to \$415 million in FFY 2007 while the Senate bill would reduce SCAAP funding to \$71 million. The Senate typically provides far less funding for SCAAP because a relatively few states receive most of the funding. Both versions would significantly increase JAG formula grant funding, as seen in Attachment I, which is a table with funding levels for programs of County interest. Any Senate floor action is not expected until after the November elections.

### **Department of Homeland Security Appropriations**

The House passed its FFY 2007 Homeland Security appropriations bill (H.R. 5441) in June while the Senate passed its version in July. The House version includes \$45 million more for the State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG), \$50 million more for the State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant, and \$25 million more for High-Threat Urban Area Grants than the Senate version. The Senate bill, however, includes \$34 million more for Emergency Management Performance Grants than the House bill. Attachment II is a table with funding levels for programs of County interest in both bills. Neither version includes language that would affect how the Department of Homeland Security allocates funds to state and local governments.

### **Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services (HHS) Appropriations**

The House Appropriations Committee reported its FFY 2007 Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill (H.R. 5647) in June while the Senate Appropriations Committee reported its version in July. Both committees rejected the President's budget proposals to eliminate the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Preventive Health Block Grant programs. The Senate version would maintain CSBG funding at \$630 million while the House version would reduce CSBG funding to \$430 million. Last year, the House cut CSBG by nearly 50 percent, but the Senate fully restored CSBG funding. Both versions would fund the Preventive Health Block Grant at \$100 million, which is \$1 million more than in FFY 2006. They also would maintain Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding at \$1.7 billion, rejecting the President's budget proposal to reduce funding to \$1.2 billion. As seen in Attachment III, most programs of County interest would be funded at levels that are similar to FFY 2006. Floor action will not occur in either house until after the November elections.

### **Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Appropriations**

The House passed its FFY 2007 Transportation, Treasury, HUD, Judiciary, and District of Columbia appropriations bill (H.R. 5576) in June while the Senate Appropriations Committee reported its version in July. Both versions increased Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula grant funding by approximately 4.4 percent, rejecting the President's budget proposal to significantly reduce CDBG funding. The House bill increases Homeless Assistance Grant funding by \$209 million while the Senate version increases such funding by \$184 million. Attachment IV is a table with funding levels for programs of County interest with current funding levels and those proposed by the President. Senate floor action on the bill is not expected until after the November elections.

### **Energy and Water Development Appropriations**

The House passed its version of the FFY 2007 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill (H.R. 5427), which funds Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) civil works projects, in May while the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version in June. The Senate version includes more overall discretionary funding (\$30.7 billion) than the earlier House-passed version (\$30.5 billion) as well as significantly more funding for the Corps than requested by the President. Attachment V is a table with funding levels for Corps projects of County interest. Both bills include \$1,460,000 for maintenance and dredging of the Marina del Rey entrance channels, which is more than the \$900,000 appropriated for FFY 2006, but less than the \$7.99 million requested by the County for FFY 2007. Senate floor action on the bill is not expected until after the November elections.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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### **Attachments**

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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS  
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN H.R. 5672  
SCIENCE/STATE/JUSTICE/COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
(in millions)**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Enacted 2006</b>	<b>President 2007</b>	<b>House<sup>1</sup> 2007</b>	<b>Senate<sup>2</sup> 2007</b>
<b>Justice</b>				
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 415	\$ 71
Justice Assistance Grant <sup>3</sup>	317	0	445	465
Drug Courts	10	0	40	15
COPS Methamphetamine Grants	63	40	99	61
COPS Technologies and Interoperable Communications	138	0	100	110
DNA Initiative	107	176	176	176
Juvenile Justice Formula Grant	79	93	75	64
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	49	0	49	50
Southwest Border Prosecutor Program	30	30	40	29
Economic Development Assistance	251	297	231	251

**Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> H.R. 5672, as passed by the House on June 29, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> H.R. 5672, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 13, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> The funding levels are for formula Justice Assistance Grants only.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS  
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN H.R. 5441  
HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
(in millions)**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Enacted 2006</b>	<b>President 2007</b>	<b>House<sup>1</sup> 2007</b>	<b>Senate<sup>2</sup> 2007</b>
State Homeland Security Grant	\$ 545	\$ 633	\$ 545	\$ 500
State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention	396	0	400	350
High-Threat Urban Area Grants	757	838	770	745
Targeted Infrastructure Protection	0	600	0	0
Rail and Transit Security	149	0	200	150
Port Security	173	0	200	210
Emergency Management Performance Grants	183	170	186	220
Firefighting Grants	540	293	545	552
SAFER <sup>3</sup>	109	0	110	127
Urban Search and Rescue Teams	20	20	20	30

**Footnote**

<sup>1</sup> In H.R. 5441, as passed by the House on June 6, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> In H.R. 5441, as passed by the Senate on July 13, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> SAFER refers to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighting Program.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS  
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN  
LABOR / HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES / EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
(in millions)**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Enacted 2006</b>	<b>President 2007</b>	<b>House<sup>1</sup> 2007</b>	<b>Senate<sup>2</sup> 2007</b>
<b>Labor</b>				
Adult Training	\$ 864	\$ 712	\$ 854	\$ 800
Youth Training	941	841	936	936
Dislocated Workers	1,190	875	1,193	1,193
State Employment Service	716	689	689	689
Title-V Older Americans Employment	432	432	420	432
<b>Health and Human Services</b>				
Bioterrorism Public Health Grants	824	824	824	824
HRSA Hospital Preparedness Grants	495	487	487	487
Ryan White Emergency Assistance	604	604	604	606
Ryan White AIDS Total	2,038	2,133	2,108	2,139
Community Health Centers	1,782	1,963	1,988	1,926
Family Planning	283	283	283	283
Preventive Health Block Grant	99	0	100	100
Maternal and Child Health Grant	693	693	700	693
Substance Abuse Block Grant	1,759	1,759	1,834	1,789
Mental Health Block Grant	428	428	428	428
Social Services Block Grant	1,700	1,200	1700	1,700
Community Services Block Grant	630	0	430	630
Child Welfare Services	287	287	287	287
Independent Living <sup>3</sup>	186	186	186	186
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	394	434	434	420
Child Care Development Block Grant	2,062	2,062	2,062	2,062
Refugee Social Services	154	150	154	150
Refugee Targeted Assistance	49	49	49	49
Refugee Assistance Total	570	615	604	600
Administration on Aging (AoA) Total	1,363	1,335	1,390	1,381
AoA Family Caregivers	156	154	156	156
AoA Nutrition	715	712	722	715
AoA Supportive Services	351	351	351	351

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> In H.R. 5647, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee on June 20, 2006.  
<sup>2</sup> In S. 3708, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 20, 2006  
<sup>3</sup> Includes \$46 million for Independent Living Training Voucher Grants.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 FUNDING LEVELS IN H.R. 5576  
FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PROGRAMS  
OF COUNTY INTEREST  
(in millions)**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Enacted 2006</b>	<b>President 2007</b>	<b>House<sup>1</sup> 2007</b>	<b>Senate<sup>2</sup> 2007</b>
Community Development Block Grant (Formula Grant)	\$ 3,711	\$ 2,975	\$ 3,873	\$ 3,877
Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Vouchers)	15,808	15,920	15,846	15,920
Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (Contracts)	5,037	5,676	5,476	5,676
Section 8 Administrative Fees	1,238	1,281	1,138	1,271
Public Housing Operating Fund	3,564	3,564	3,564	3,660
Public Housing Capital Fund	2,439	2,178	2,178	2,460
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,327	1,536	1,536	1,511
HOME (Formula Grant)	1,690	1,816	1,828	1,862
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	286	300	300	295
American Dream Downpayment Initiative	25	100	25	25
Brownfields	10	0	15	0

**Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> In H.R. 5576, the FFY 2007 Transportation/Treasury/HUD/Judiciary/District of Columbia Appropriations Bill, as passed by the House on June 14, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> In H.R. 5576, the FFY 2007 Transportation/Treasury/HUD/Judiciary Appropriations Bill, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 26, 2006.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007 FUNDING LEVELS FOR ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN H.R. 5427  
ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>House<sup>1</sup> 2007</b>	<b>Senate<sup>2</sup> 2007</b>
<b>Construction</b>		
Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) <sup>3</sup>	\$ 5,564,000	\$ 5,564,000
<b>Operation and Maintenance</b>		
Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA)	5,071,000	4,071,000
Marina del Rey - Maintenance Dredging	1,460,000	1,460,000
<b>General Investigations</b>		
Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study	200,000	400,000
California Coastal Sediment Master Plan	300,000	300,000
Coast of California Storm and Tidal Wave Study	200,000	0
L. A. County (Regional Dredged Material Management Plan)	200,000	300,000
Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Study	200,000	0
Malibu Creek Watershed	0	608,000
Sun Valley Watershed Feasibility Study	200,000	200,000
<b>Continuing Authorities Program</b>		
Tujunga Wash Restoration Project – Phase II	150,000	<sup>4</sup>

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> In H.R. 5427, as passed by the House on May 24, 2006.
- <sup>2</sup> In H.R. 5427, as approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 29, 2006.
- <sup>3</sup> The LACDA construction is intended to close out the LACDA project and complete all contracts.
- <sup>4</sup> The Senate committee report lists projects to be considered for funding under the Continuing Authorities Program without specifying a dollar amount for each project.